### **CAN NOT BE CHANGED**

Date of the Michigan M. E. Conference is September 6.

BOWMAN'S ANSWER

The Conference Will Be Held in the Division Street Church-Matters to Be Considered.

Some time ago a request was made to Bishop Bowman of the Methodist Epis-copal conference to postpone the Michi-gan conference until after the middle of tember in order to avoid if possible commodate many of the ministers who have an extra amount of business on hand during the latter part of August and the first of September. A reply from the bishop has just been received, stating that it will be impossible to change the date, as his time is fully taken up with engagements for several months and the week set apart for tirand Rapids must remain on the schedule. As the date must remain as first published in the schedule of conferences, the fifty-sighth annual Michigan conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will convene in this city on Wednesday, September 6, in the Drisson street M. E. church. The program has not been issued, but will appear for publication the week preceding conference. The business meeting will continue four days, concluding with a union meeting of all the Methodist Episcopal churches in the city on Sunday, morning and evening, in Lockerby half with a sermon from the venerable and able bishop. The conference is composed of over 600 ministers who are located throughout the western part of Michigan, many of whom will be transferred to other locations in their respective districts. It is not expected that many changes will be made in this city, as the ministers here are popular with their congregations and will probably be retained. Their work during the past year has been presperous and entirely satisfactory to the several churches. Although not lacking in ordinary interest, the conference will not have in its membership this year the Rev. J. E. Arney of Saranac, who has brought considerable notoristy to it for several years and who to change the date, as his time is fully this year the Rev. J. E. Arney of Saranac, who has brought considerable notoristy to it for several years and who received much attention from it an account of his fast "hose," Mr. Arney has withdrawn from the conference and joined the Congregational society. The question of procuring means with which to continue the work on the Deaconness' home in this city will be brought up for consideration. Work on the home has been suspended for lack of funds on account of slow collections on subscriptions. The foundation is completed, but the building committee does not feel confident enough to award the structural work under the circumstances.

### PLANS SUBMITTED.

gling With the Annex.

The board of managers of the women's annex to the Soldier's home wrestled with plans and specifications yesterday, but failed to accomplish anything. A. W. Rush & Sons, C. B. Chan-field, G. W. Fairfield, G. L. Stone and A. W. Eush & Sons, C. B. Chat-William Williamson submitted plans for the building, but none were adopted. The matter will be definitely decided. All the plans have a certain sameness, and as all of them were prepared ac-cording to the specifications of the building committee all are nearly the same, and anyone would probably prove satisfactory. The board has decided to build the annex in the woods south of the main building. The structure will be two stories high, built of red brick and contain between twenty-eight and thirty two rooms. Mrs. A. T. Isliss of Sagmaw was present at the meeting yesterday and will be there again today. Mrs. Elliss is chairman of the woman's rollef corps committee on the annex. The building is not expected to cost more than \$13,000 and the remainder of the appropriation will be expended in furnishing it.

## Real Estate Transfers.

Mileon E. Wright to Benjamin F. Baroncisen, lot 67, Benjamin F. Bucenissen's add.
Genrit Roschola to Jacobas J. Snock, with to a 28 h lot 25, bk 3, H. H. Dennis' sub. Darwin D. Cody et al to Susan D. Wendover, lot El, White & Cody's

nid. ... Dolber to Philip Wend-new, lot 3, Bolber's add Opinella B. Pathing to David R. Musher and wife, pt lot 9, A. Cam.

Peter Waterbert to the Township of Water und pre limb on see 17, Wy-

## Marriage Licenses.

The following is a list of the marriage frames issued since last publication, with the manner residences (when out of the city) and ages of the parties:

Age. 

## DEFENDING THE LAZY MAN.

A Barmious Individual Who Is Too Often

without Ill results. Now, these pre-glacial men of Prof. Prestwitch must have been contempoit is the custom of this world's busy bodies to speak slightingly of the lasy raries with those mammoths and they man. This custom is due primarily may have rentured, too, since they hunted the mammoth, into high latiperhaps to the fact that the energetic sent is over on the lookout for objects tudes. The discovery of a refrigerated upon which to expend its superfluancestor is by no means impossible. cores, but it is also largely referable to It is necessary for anyone who has read "The Frozen Pirate" to curb his imagination here. In all humanity we the inability of the active temperament to see matters from the lany man's point of view. This looking must hope the ancestors, when thewed, down upon the indolent is, after all, will be dead. but a matter of convention, and no Fancy the shock of Rip Van Winkle

doubt if the truth were known for the slothful mind is not given to beagging -it would be found that the lary man has as good reason for contemning the bearingly as has the busyledy for potesting the finger of seven at the lasy man. The Boston Transcript seco reasome for thinking that the indolent man is activated by motives pure and alteniate in cormining from undue exereise of body or mind, and if he had his due the record of his virtues might over be clothed in the most eulogistic languages for like the lily of the valhe tolls not neither does he spin, and there is Scripture warrant for believing that even Solomon in all his

glory was hever rigged out like the

even of a negative quality, are a help and blessing to his energetic content-poraries. By refraining altogether or doing as little work as possible, he thereby creates a sourcity in the labor market, thus giving others an oppor-tunity to earn their bread; whereas, if the ship is owned partly in this city, says the Philadelphia Record, and the news of her safety has just reached the

The ship left Victoria, B. C., early in December last for London with a large cargo of wheat, and nothing was heard of her until June 13, when she was signted by the steamer Gallieo in lavitude 43.24, longitude 25.26, flying signals telling that she was short of food. She was supplied by the steamer, and Capa. Whitton brought to New York news of the safety to the underwriters, who were demanding heavy premiums for reinsuring the vessel and control.

market, thus giving others an opportunity to earn their bread; whereas, if all the lasy men were to turn to and work, thousands now regularly employed would have nothing to do, and an precedented misery would be the consequence. But it is not just to decide off-hand that the lazy man's attributes are negative. Very likely be sims to be what he is, a friend of humanity. He perceives undoubtedly how eager the majority of his kind is to be ever busy about something, and in the goodness of his heart and with a disinterested devotion which is deserving of the highest praise, it is fair to suppose that his only concern is to increase the happiness of those about him. He not only gives others an opportunity for physical labor by his amiable self-denial, but his persistent and consistent isliences furnishes all who know him with percential mental exercise. His laziness gives others the means whereby they can earn a living, and it also and at the same time makes those others happy and in love with themselves by having him as a sort of antithesis, which by contrast adda force and luster to the qualities which in their self-conceit are regarded as superexcellent. lt was learned that the ship had made a fine run down the l'acific coast and around the Horn, but when near the equator she had been caught in one of the dreaded calms that prevail in that intitude. For three months she remained within a distance of half a mile from where she struck the calm, and during that time there was not enough wind to fill even the lightest of her sails. Finally a small current, probably made by a storm many miles away, appeared and served to send her slowly out of the locality, which threatened at one time to become a place of death for all on beard. On this current the ship drifted for almost another month. Then a welcome wind carried her back into the paths of navigation.

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The lary man, therefore, not only does no harm in the world, but, on the contrary, does much good. This fact never will be appreciated unless the lasy men should all at once forsake their laziness and become workers. But lack of appreciation does not worry the lazy man; he is not given to worriment. In his unselfishness he is willing others should monopolize that as well as the eark and care of this world, the exercise of body and of mind. When the Galileo was encountered the water supply of the Edward O'Brien was exhausted, food was almost down to the last ration, and in a few more hours the men on board would have been beyond help. After being supplied with food and water the ship proceeded on her way to Lon-

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CYCLING IN PARIS.

Early Morning Boars.

The bieyele is winning distinction, writes a Paris correspondent of the New York Tribune. Since Lord Dufferin began to take his morning constitutional rides on a low bieyele in the Bois the steel horse has become fashionable, but only between eight and eleven in the forenoon. Clemenceau, who, if a tribune of the people, likes to pass for being "chic," has dismounted from his park hack to cycle in the morning. Zola takes lessons and hopes soon to be a good rider.

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Aristocratic youths who are growing up under the care of reverend fathers at Juilly, Vaugirard and the Rue de Madrid spend their Thursday holidays

at "veloce schools" and in making ex-cursions under the eyes of "veloce

had seen some "veloce trainers" for fair "artistes" look as well on their

ateel steels as cavalry officers on their horses. The cycle has not yet been brought into the novel of any firstrate author. But, being now in gen-

eral use, for at any rate the stronger

sex, we may expect soon to find it in-

OUR FROZEN ANCESTORS.

Primeral Han May Yet Be Discovered Congoaled in a Glacier.

"Was the primeval man arboreal, and did he live upon fruit?" It has

been suggested that he was driven

from these mild ways by the cold of that unpleasant time when glaciers covered the earth, answers the Gentle-man's Magazine. The trees died and

the fruits perished, and the ancestor,

climbing down, began with rats and mice, and finished with cannibalism,

to avoid perishing likewise. Also, he

Invented fire. Also, the cold made him use language. But this is rather an unsubstantial speculation, since Prof. Prestwitch, for in-

stance, believes that there were men

before the glaciers. At any rate, he tells us that at Sevenoaks, in the very old pre-glacial "plateau drift" above the downs, he has found instruments

It is not impossible that those beetlebrowed persons, the poleolithic men, the remote men who chipped out weapons of unpolished stone and knew

the uses of neither cattle, clay nor

corn, were less human looking than their skeletons would lead us to fancy.

There is a hint in one rude scratching

on a bone that they were thickly hairy. There is a remote chance yet-at least it is a pleasant fancy to entertain—that

we with our own eyes may yet see this hairy ancestor of ours in the flesh.

Every one has heard of the entire mam-

moth, skin and flesh complete, frozen

up inside of a Siberian river and endur-

ing to our days. The flesh was so fresh

that the dogs fell upon it and ate it

intensified by ten thousand genera-

be promptly stuffed by all the best tax-idermists in council, and placed in a

commanding position in the museum in Cromwell road, a relie and true por-

IN A DOLDRUM.

Held for nearly four months in an equatorial doldrens or dead sea calm until her provisions were exhausted

and her crow on the verge of starva-

tion was the terrible experience of the American ship Edward O'Brien, which

had long ago been given up for lost.

trait combined.

vested with a literary interest.

ing a Fashionable Pastime for the Early Morning Hours.

TRIED TO DROWN THE SOUND.

A Boarder's Experience with an Unusuality Vociferous Alarm Clock.

An alarm clock, according to the the wrong time and in a thin-valled building it always succeeds in waking the whole house as well as its owner. The wear and tear upon the temper of the community is consequently greater than that caused by the combined ef-forts of a forgetful janitor and an inforts of a forgetful janitor and an intermittent elevator. A young man in
up-town house in Washington who has
been in the habit of overaleeping himself, recently purchased an alarm
clock of imposing proportions and a
bell like a fire engine gong. As usual,
says the Post, the thing went off about
three a. m., and the owner, who had
just fallen into a sound sleep, leaped
wildly from his couch under the impression that the house was on fire or
some other dire calamity had befallen.
Occupants of adjoining rooms followed
suit, and the objurgations heaped upon
that unhappy alarm clock were both
loud and long. A policeman on the
beat blew his whistle under the impression that a riot was in progress, pression that a riot was in progress, and the whole neighborhood was aroused. Meanwhile the owner of the clock tried to stifle it in the bed clothes, but still it hammered away vehemestly and made more racket than ever. Finally, in despair, he plunged the riotous timepiece into a jar full of water, where, at the ex-

pense of ruining its inner mechanism, its voice was stilled. The young man now hires a newsbay to wake him. To Cleanse the System

cursions under the eyes of "veloce trainers." The trainer now directs his efforts greatly to the teaching of an easy upright carriage on the cycle. It is not easy to acquire such a seat, though the thing is possible. The proper carriage is called "un siege de gentleman." It would seem as if the bicycle vocabulary could not get on without borrowing from the English. Judging from the coinages which are so fast enriching it, it seems to me that the rule that is growing up is for one-half of every composite word to be English. Examples of this are "veloce port," "veloce man," "veloce rider." "The word "veloce" and "veloce rider." "The word "veloce" did not exist six years ago. It is a contraction of "velocepede," the old-fashioned name for the bicycle.

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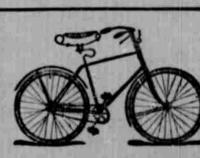
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